## **BEFORE**

### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-13-WS - ORDER NO. 2006-549

## **SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

IN RE: Application of Wyboo Plantation Utilities,
Inc. for Approval of New Schedule of Rates
and Charges for Water and Sewer Services.

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST FOR LOCAL
PUBLIC HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the request for a local public hearing to be scheduled in the present docket. On August 17, 2006, Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. (Wyboo or the Company) filed an Application with the Commission for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges, modifications of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service, and for an interim order relative to collection of a water service connection fee. On September 6, 2006, a request was filed with the Commission from the Honorable Cathy B. Harvin, Representative, South Carolina House District 64, asking that a public hearing be scheduled with respect to Wyboo's Application, and specifically requesting that this public hearing be held in Clarendon County, South Carolina prior to the end of November, 2006.

Upon consideration of the request, the Commission finds that a local public hearing in this docket should be scheduled and held in the evening in Clarendon County, South Carolina. This hearing shall be scheduled in addition to the public hearing set to begin Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room,

Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. A local public hearing will allow interested customers of Wyboo who cannot attend the hearing in Columbia to appear and present testimony and evidence relevant to Wyboo's Application. The hearing is being scheduled to provide a local forum and convenient time for customers of Wyboo and other interested persons not already parties to the proceeding. Parties of record in this docket who have filed Petitions to Intervene and who seek to cross-examine witnesses of Wyboo will present their testimony and exhibits at the public hearing scheduled for December 13-14, 2006. Further, Wyboo will present the Company's witnesses, testimony, and exhibits at the hearing to be held before the Commission in Columbia, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the request for a local public hearing in Clarendon County, South Carolina, the Commission makes the following findings:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A hearing on Wyboo's request for an adjustment in rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service is scheduled to be held in the Commission's hearing room located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, and to begin on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.
  - 2. The Company serves customers in certain areas located in South Carolina.
- 3. A local public hearing on the Application to be held in the evening in Clarendon County, South Carolina will provide a convenient forum for the customers of Wyboo to present evidence related to the Application to the Commission.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Commission makes the following:

### CONCLUSION

1. That a local public hearing held in the evening in Clarendon County, South Carolina will serve the public interest by providing customers affected by the rate Application a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to the pending rate case Application.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A local public hearing in the pending rate case Application filed by Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. shall be held in the evening in Clarendon County, South Carolina.
- 2. The Commission Staff is directed to find a suitable location and date for the local public hearing and shall provide notice of the hearing to the parties in this docket and to the customers affected by the Application.
- 3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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